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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Interchange Agreement

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1. Following an inquiry from [] of OGC I contacted Mr. Stan Berg at the Civil Service Commission (101-26818) to determine the current status of further action by the Commission on the proposal for an Executive Order to permit Agency employees to transfer to positions in the competitive service without examination.

2. Mr. Berg was frank to say that "nothing is going on." He enumerated a number of changes which have taken place among the personnel staffing his office. These, combined with new work assignments, have put this matter "about 12 down in priority." Mr. Berg said this did not mean that it is "buried." However, we agreed that he seemed to be saying that it was "dusty."

3. Mr. Berg expressed doubt that the Commission would want to become involved in negotiating interchange agreements with all of the various defense agencies involved in intelligence activities. He also recalled that OMB's attitude had been quite negative. On the other hand he reaffirmed that his staff and the Commissioners had been convinced of the merit of CIA's proposal. He said that the difficulty was in determining a proper "strategy."

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4. We concluded our discussion with the understanding that I should get back in touch with Mr. Berg if this matter merits higher priority than it is being accorded.

5. I telephoned [] and advised him of the results of this discussion.

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